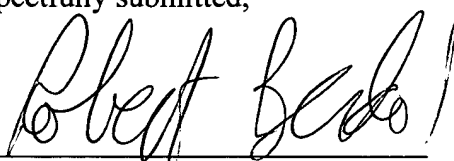


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 have been canceled, and new claims 9-18 have been added. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee. Examination of the amended application respectfully is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Berdo", written over a horizontal line.

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